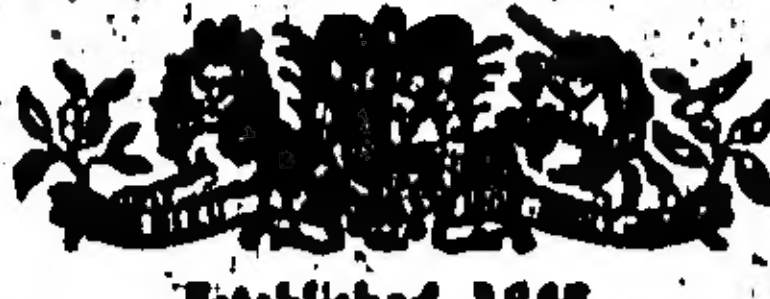




THE WEATHER: Moderate east-north-east winds, becoming fresh and gusty in exposed places after sunset. Cloudy with patches of drizzle.

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Comment Of The Day

A POPULAR DECISION

GOVERNMENT'S decision to hold an inquiry into the Colony's two electric light and power companies will be widely acclaimed. Not just because of public criticism in recent years but, as we go on to say later, because the function they perform in our becoming industrial economy and our ever expanding community necessitates some measure of Government control in their activities. But let us begin at the beginning.

Public criticism of the two companies was stirred in the first place not by the fact that they were monopolies or that their service was below a standard regarded as adequate. Domestic light charges have almost doubled since the war, but Mr. W. Stoker of the Hongkong company points out that at the same time wages, materials and plant are four or five times higher.

Irritating

WHAT irritated the public most was the existence of a fluctuating surcharge and not at any time has there been entire satisfaction that the companies with their considerable profits and healthy dividends have borne as much of the extra fuel costs as they should have. In reply to criticism, Mr. Stoker has indicated that the surcharge effect on industry is negligible and that there is no surcharge for bulk power consumers who are instead covered in their agreements by a "fuel clause."

But there has been so far no convincing answer to the public criticism. It is a pity that the offer of an investigation of the Hongkong Electric's surcharge account in 1957 was not taken up. It will clearly be desirable and the public will welcome the news that one of the members of the Commission of Inquiry will be an independent accountant whose job it will be to look into the companies' charges and profits.

Public Interest

THE main point of Government's announcement, however, is that the operations of the two companies will in future be subject to some form of statutory control, as the other utilities are. This is a sensible move in the public interest and also a step in keeping with the three-part plan for the public utility in Hongkong which has been affected so much by the Colony's growth and the increase in demand for its services as the two light and power companies. Hongkong has blossomed into a thriving industrial community. Population has doubled in 12 years. Housing has been struggling to keep pace. The two companies have done well to keep capacity not only abreast, but as a recent annual report emphasised, ahead of public demand. And it would be churlish of consumers to complain of supply even though the surcharge has been an annoying impost on the monthly bill. It would be well to remember that far more highly industrialised cities like Sydney suffered repeated and prolonged blackouts soon after the war because the local electricity commission lacked the capacity to meet the city's needs. This has not been Hongkong's misfortune.

Vital Function

THE electricity companies are usually quick to point out that the growth of local industry owes much to their foresight. Out as we said in December, this was in the company's interests as much as the Colony's. The two companies perform a vital function today so vital to the economy that it is proper that Government with the manifold responsibilities it has assumed in all the Colony's activities, should have some power of regulation in the future development of this essential service. Can anyone—even the electricity companies—seriously object to this principle?

SETBACK FOR DULLES

Chances Of Resuming His Post Now Compromised

Washington, April 12. The sudden return to hospital today of the Secretary of State Mr John Foster Dulles from convalescence in Florida was interpreted here as indicating that his chances of resuming the direction of United States diplomacy were now compromised, at least for some time to come.

Earlier reports that Mr Dulles might be well enough to attend the Western foreign ministers' conference in Paris on April 20 appear to have been premature.

It is understood that Mr Dulles will still be either under observation or undergoing treatment at the Walter Reed Military Hospital at that date.

Even if his condition improves, it is expected that interim Secretary of State Christian Herter will represent the United States at that date.

PHYSICIANS DISSATISFIED

Washington, April 12. The sudden return of Mr Dulles to hospital was due to the dissatisfaction of physicians with the development of his condition, an informed source said tonight.

Some sources reported that the radiation treatment administered to Mr Dulles here last month had failed to produce satisfactory results in halting his abdominal cancer.

It was reported that he might again receive X-ray treatments or undergo injections of radioactive gold to fight the cancer.—France-Press.

U.S. at the meeting and also probably at the East-West ministerial talks at Geneva on May 11.

It is even possible that by the Geneva meeting Mr Dulles will have officially succeeded Mr Dulles as Secretary of State.

If Mr Dulles' health were to deteriorate further, it seems likely that he would soon hand in his resignation to President Eisenhower, because Mr Herter is obviously handicapped in international discussions by the temporary character of his present position.

In this event Mr Dulles would at a later date still be able, if his health permitted, to act as Eisenhower's top diplomatic adviser on important issues such as Berlin.—France-Press.

IKE'S PRAYER FOR DULLES

But He Says 'I'm Feeling Pretty Good'

Augusta, April 12. President Eisenhower joined in a prayer at a church service today that Mr John Foster Dulles would be able to return "to that office of usefulness which he has occupied so well."

In reply to reporters' questions, Mr James Hagerly, Press Secretary, said at the President's holiday headquarters that "Mr Eisenhower had known 'for several days' that the Secretary of State would fly to Washington today from Florida."

Asked whether the decision might have been prompted by a relapse, Mr Hagerly said he was not qualified to give medical opinions.

Surprise In Belgium Baudouin's Brother Engaged To Italian Princess



PRINCE ALBERT Met Princess in Rome five months ago

Brussels, April 12. Bachelor King Baudouin of Belgium tonight announced the engagement of his younger brother, 24-year-old Prince Albert, to Italian Princess Paola Ruffo di Calabria.

The prince met the blonde, 21-year-old Italian princess at a ball at the Belgian Embassy late last year when he came to Rome to attend the coronation of Pope John XXIII on November 4.

News of the engagement was a complete surprise in Brussels—even to people closely associated with the Court—and the royal palace was bombarded with telephone calls by newspaper and correspondent seeking confirmation.

The Belgian Radio broke into its programmes to announce the engagement in a special news flash.

Prince Albert, younger brother of King Baudouin, is the son of ex-king Leopold and his first wife, Princess Astrid, who was killed in a car crash in 1935 shortly after his birth.

Love Match

A Palace spokesman said that Prince Paola and her mother arrived in Brussels yesterday from Italy, and are staying with the Belgian royal family at the Palace of Laeken on the outskirts of Brussels.

Relatives of Donna Paola said tonight her engagement to Prince Albert of Belgium was "a love match."

The Prince spent a month incognito in Rome during the winter when the two were often in each other's company, it was learned tonight.

"The princess is very pretty and deeply religious. But very little else is known about her. She has taken little part in Rome's gay social life in which many Italian aristocrats figure prominently."

Prince Paola usually lives in a villa at Portofino, near Genoa, in Tuscany. Her Rome home is in the expensive Parioli district favoured by diplomats and rich Italian industrialists.

Long Line

The family originated in southern Italy in the tenth century and its long line has included cardinals, professional soldiers, and even a grand marshal of the Kingdom of Sicily.

Prince Ruffo, Paola's father, died in 1946 when she was 12. He was one of Italy's leading fighter pilots in World War one. He took part in 72 fights, shooting down 10 Austro-Hungarian aircraft.

He received for his prowess the gold medal, one of Italy's highest decorations, with a citation which praised his "incredible audacity," "insuperable ardour" and "will to win."

Prince Ruffo's titles included "Seventh Duke of Guadalupe" and "10th Count of Stacchi."—Reuter.

Dalai's Teacher Flies From Munich

Munich, April 12. Herr Heinrich Harrer, Austrian mountaineer and former tutor and advisor of the Dalai Lama, said today he is leaving by air tonight for India to join the Dalai Lama.

He said he would be taking with him a copy of a film he made about Tibet, called "Seven Years in Tibet," which he intended to show to the Dalai Lama.

Harrer became tutor and advisor of the Dalai Lama after escaping from an internment camp in India during World War two, and reaching Tibet this Tibetan capital, after two years in the run.—Reuter.

Gaitskell And Bevan Plan Visit To Russia

Wolverhampton, April 12. Mr Hugh Gaitskell, leader of the Labour opposition, today confirmed he is hoping to visit Russia later this year with Mr Aneurin Bevan, the party's foreign affairs spokesman.

He told reporters that the timing of the visit depended on the date of the election.

Mr Gaitskell said he was invited last year to visit Russia but was unable to go.

He added: "I understand it is a standing invitation and I shall be glad to go when time and circumstances permit. Until I know whether there is to be a spring election I can make no final decision."

"If there is to be no spring election then I very much hope it will be possible to go during the summer."

Mr Gaitskell added: "I also hope that Mr Bevan will be coming with me and that we shall see Mr Khrushchev."

"I think it is a good thing that the leaders in the West should get to know the leaders of Soviet Russia."

"It would not be our business as long as we are in opposition to negotiate in any way, but I believe that these personal contacts are most valuable."—Reuter.

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Gala Reception

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Charles Comes Top In Maths



SIR ANTHONY Stricken with liver fever

HE GETS FIRST PLACE ALSO IN GEOGRAPHY

London, April 13. Prince Charles, nine-year-old heir to the throne was top of his school class last term in Geography and Arithmetic, according to newspaper reports today.

He may go up to a higher form when he returns for the summer term, the reports add. A member of the school staff at Chesham, west of London, is quoted as saying: "The Prince seems to have made tremendous progress this term."

Not First Time "It is not the first time he has topped his class of nearly 20 in Geography. He did that last summer term."

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BUILDINGS TOPPLE IN QUAKE

Mexico City, April 12. A strong earthquake toppled several old buildings in the ancient city of Cordoba today. Shock waves were felt as far as Mexico City, 198 miles away.

Dispatches from Cordoba said the tremor sent the population of the city running into the streets. No casualties were reported.

The Tucucaya Selenograph Station said the quake registered 5 on the Mercalli, which has a maximum of 7. The shock was felt lightly in Mexico City, located north-west of Cordoba, a tropical city of 18,000 population.—U.P.I.

Ulbricht Home

Berlin, April 12. Herr Walter Ulbricht, East German Socialist Unity (Communist) Party First Secretary and Deputy Premier, returned to Berlin today after an absence of several weeks abroad for medical treatment, the East German News Agency, ADN, reported.—Reuter.

KING'S PRINCESS

FINAL TO-DAY

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AT 2.30, 5.00, 7.20 AT 2.30, 5.10, 7.30,
& 9.40 P.M. & 9.45 P.M.



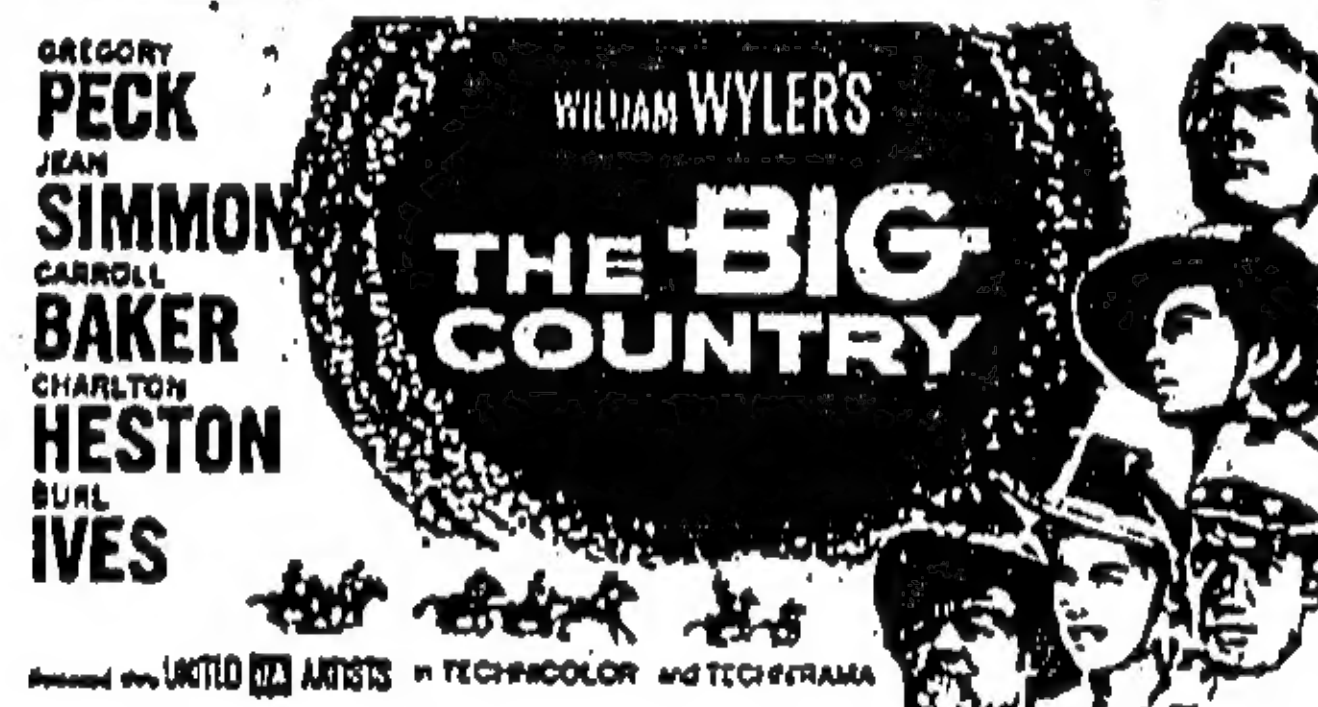
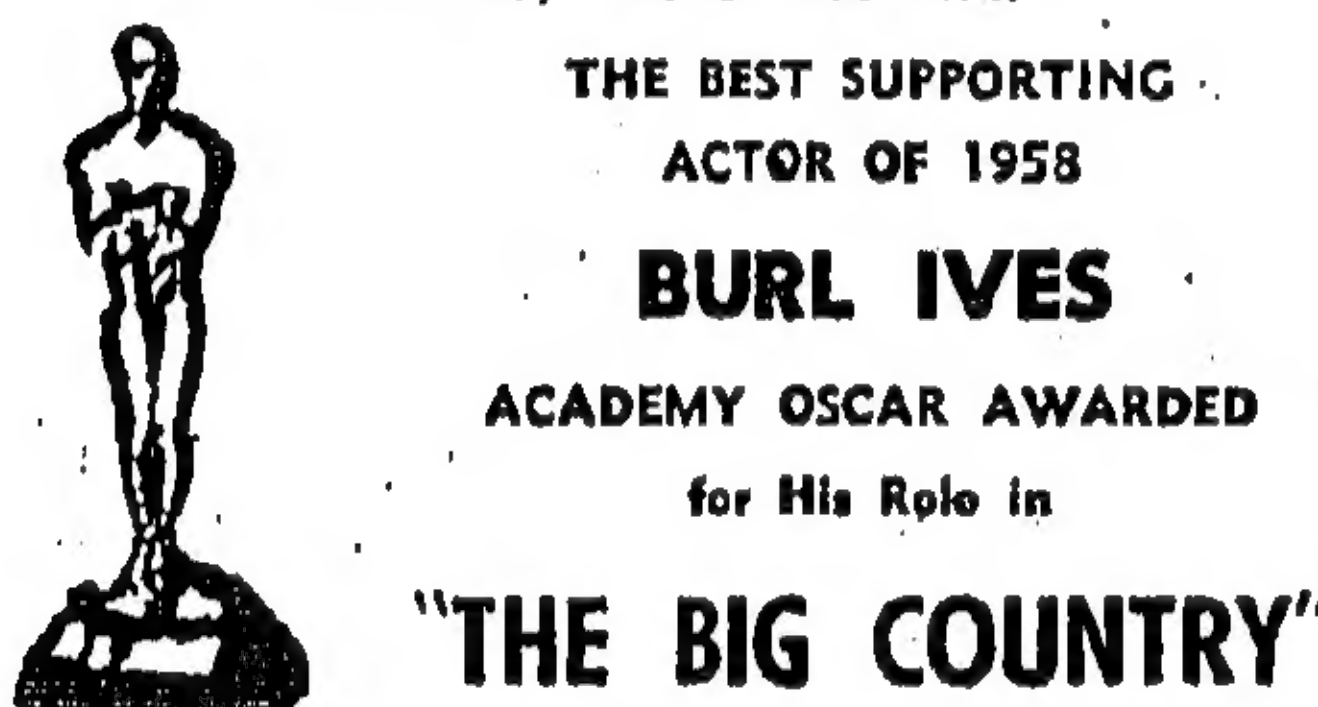
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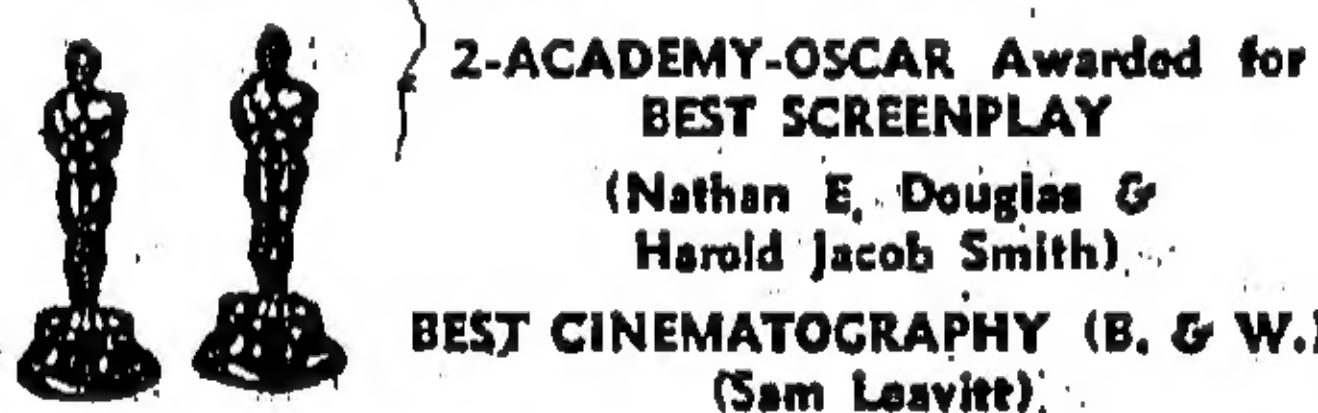
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3 SHOWS TO-DAY—Please note special times:
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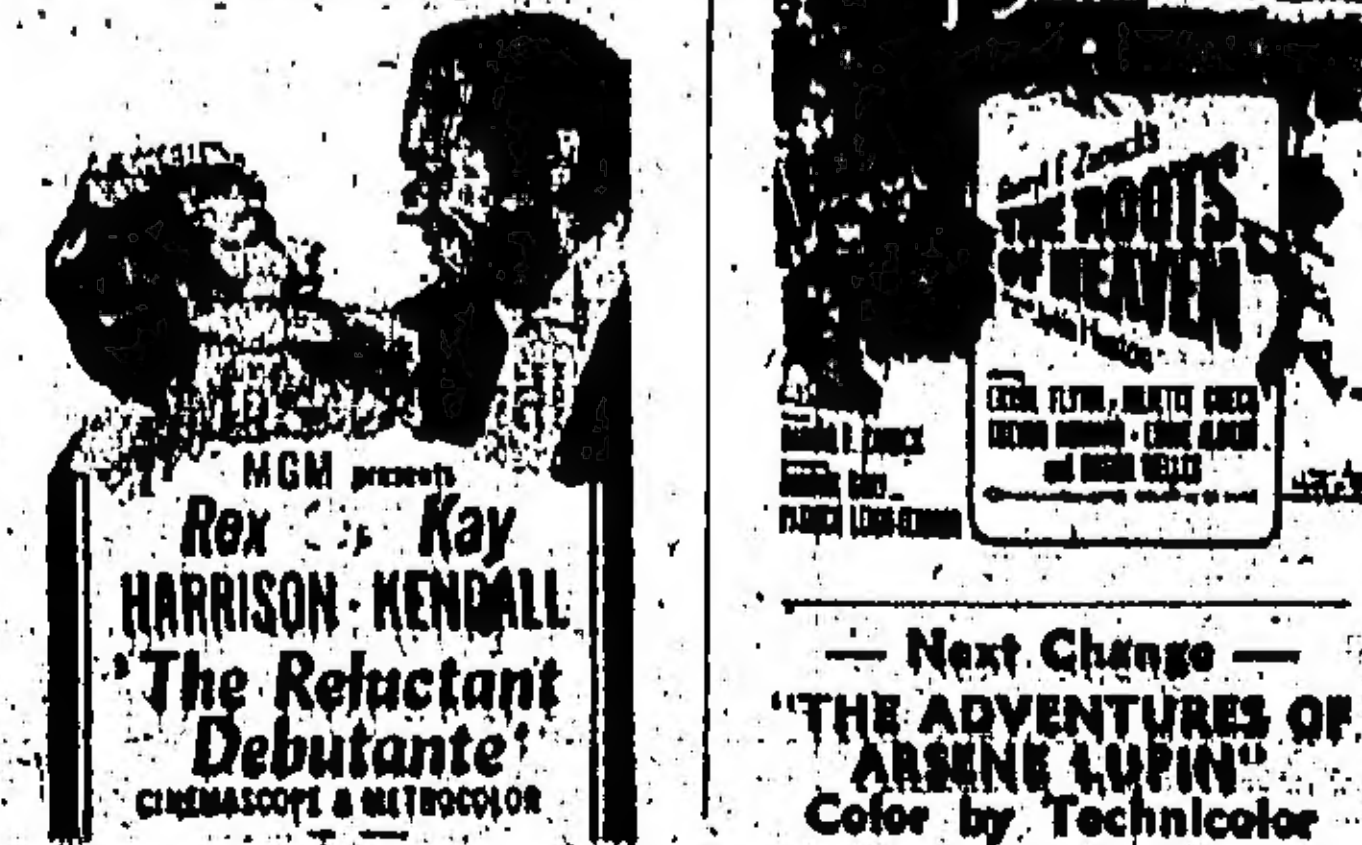
NEXT GREAT ATTRACTION



HONGKONG CENSORBOARD REMARKS:
NOT SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN!

ORIENTAL MAJESTIC

SHOWING TO-DAY
At 2.30, 5.30, 7.30 & 9.30 p.m.
HIGH SOCIETY HILARITY!
Warm And Wonderful Tale
About The 'Open Season'
On Your People!



America To Try Again With 'Discoverer' Satellite

JUDY'S COMEBACK FAILED



Reds Discard Open Aggression In Asia

Sydney, April 12.
British Minister of Defence Duncan Sandys said today that the aid to underprivileged Asian countries had resulted in the Communists discarding open aggression and reverting to internal subversion.

Mr Sandys said this was a slower, much more costly operation and would give the Soviet alliance more time to combat it.

Mr Sandys, who is returning from the Seattle conference in Wellington said the conference decided to step up economic aid to underprivileged Asian countries. "People that are hungry and poor are mostly recipients of Communist infiltration. We hope to amend this," he said.

'Tommy-Rot'

Commenting on a Times report that the aid to underprivileged Asian countries had resulted in the Communists discarding open aggression and reverting to internal subversion. "People that are hungry and poor are mostly recipients of Communist infiltration. We hope to amend this," he said.

Help Needed

New York, April 12.
When Sam Atlas, a Brooklyn luncheonette owner, learned that John Jacob Astor II is down to his last five million dollars, he decided to do something about it.

Atlas set up a picnic jar on the counter and started to collect pennies with the slogan, "Please Help Poor John Jacob Astor."—U.P.I.

STATE

TO-DAY

At 2.30, 5.15, 7.20 & 9.30 P.M.



When Judy Garland made that sparkling comeback in "A Star Is Born" five years ago, the critics, with crocodile tears in their eyes, looked forward to re-establishment of her box-office supremacy. But show business isn't as sentimental as the critics sometimes like to be, and Judy has once more faded away, into the dreary routine of singing in supper clubs round the country, hiding her plumpness in loose-fitting tuxedos, unable to disguise a rounding face and a doubling chin. She is 35. Here she is in a U.S. club. — Express Photo.

Russians Claim Cloud Dispersal

London, April 12.
The Russians have perfected weather control to such an extent that they can clear clouds from the sky and make fog go away, Moscow radio claimed today.

It broadcasted the following example:
"On November 7, 1952, people gathered in Red Square in Moscow for the October Revolution anniversary parade. It seemed unlikely that the fly-past would take place since the weather was not really suitable for flying."

"As the hands of the clock of the Spassky tower approached 11.00, however, the sky cleared and the fly-past took place. No one suspected that this change in the weather was prepared to order. But a special squadron of 'cloud chasing' aircraft had been at work on the approaches to Moscow."

SPECIAL SIREN
The broadcast said that the Elbrus Mountain expedition of the Institute of Applied Geophysics of the USSR Academy of Sciences "is now studying the dispersal of cloud and fog, the creation of artificial rain, and the forestalling of hail."

The broadcast added that "interesting results have been obtained in the experimental dispersal of warm fog by the acoustic method, using a special siren."

It said that modern methods of cloud dispersal involve the use of "stimulators," small particles of ionic silver or lead which are spread by aircraft in the cloud masses.—U.P.I.

Las Vegas, April 12.
The United States Air Force will attempt to launch a second "Discoverer" satellite from Vandenberg Air Force base in California at 10 a.m. local time (1800 GMT) tomorrow, it was officially announced by a spokesman for the World Flight Congress here today.

The Discoverer launching is part of the American "man-in-space" programme and tomorrow's attempt is also part of the United States Defense Department's Advance Research Projects Agency to develop reconnaissance satellites—to scan the earth with television and other type cameras.

Partial Success

The first Discoverer satellite—19 feet long and weighing approximately 1,300 pounds—was launched from Vandenberg Air Force base on February 28. But, this launching was only a partial success, owing to an unexpected failure of the satellite's radio.

Some space scientists have expressed doubts whether the first Discoverer ever got into orbit around the earth, although the advanced research project agency claimed that on the basis of limited tracking observation it circled the earth for at least a week.

Two other satellites—embedded in the nose-cone of one "Vanguard" rocket—are also expected to be launched tomorrow from the other United States missile base at Cape Canaveral.

Measuring Device

According to unofficial but usually reliable sources in Washington, this satellite, these twin satellites would be launched into outer space in attempts to measure the density of matter in space and to explore the earth's magnetic field.

One of these satellites would be a tiny 13-inch sphere with a magnetic measuring device and the other a 20-inch plastic sphere capable of being inflated in orbit.—Reuter.

Bolshoi Ballet In America

New York, April 12.
The world famous Bolshoi Ballet of Moscow arrived this morning on two chartered planes from London for a two-month tour of the United States and Canada.—U.P.I.

CAPITOL

FINAL TO-DAY
At 2.30, 5.30, 7.30 & 9.30 P.M.



Increased Rocket Power Needed

Washington, April 12.
The Defence Department's research and development chief said today that the United States has guidance systems capable of landing a man on the moon as soon as sufficient rocket power is available.

The official, Dr Herbert York, also said the systems are accurate enough to hit "a rather small area on the moon."

He said they were not used in four previous U.S. lunar probes because the rockets involved did not have enough weight-carrying capacity to install the guidance systems "sufficiently close to the final state . . . to take full advantage of them."

"But we do have guidance systems which are perfectly capable of not just hitting the moon, but a rather small area on the moon," Dr York said.

Not Important

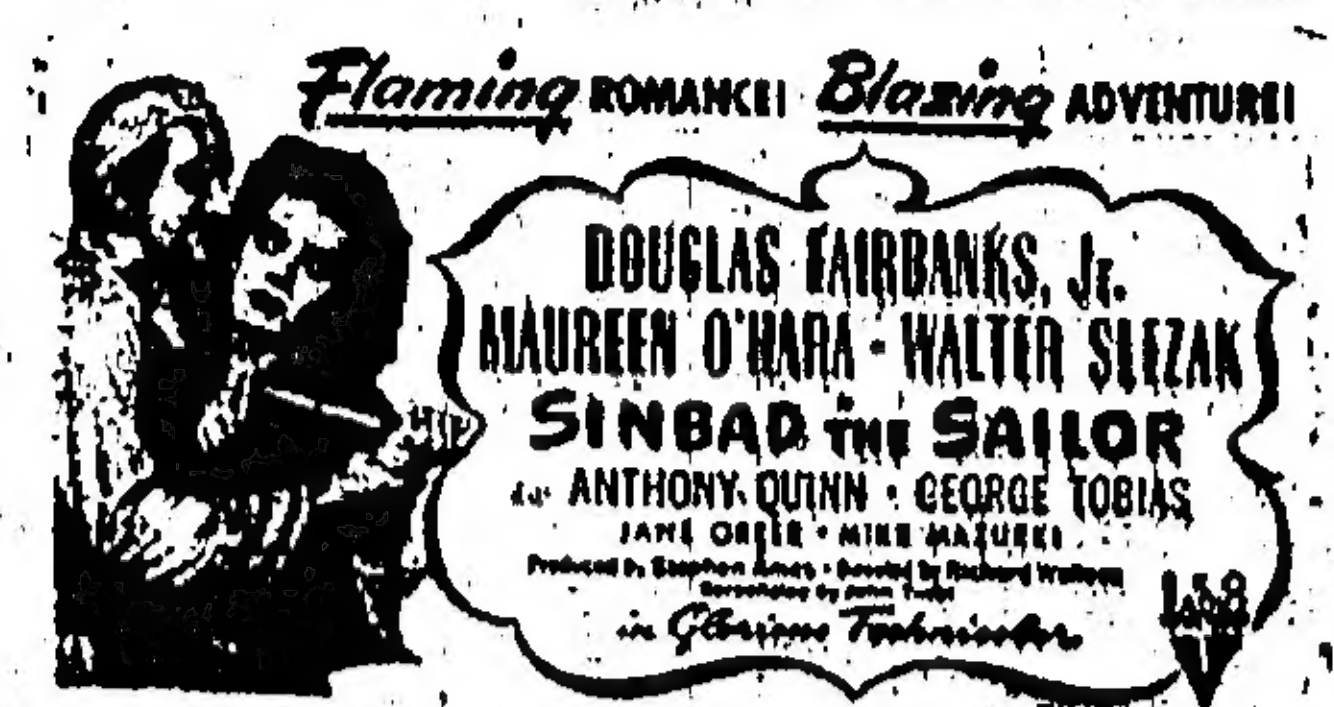
The official, who made the statement during a television interview, also renewed his forecast that the U.S. would reach the moon by 1963 at the present rate of progress if there are "no major unforeseen obstacles."

Dr York said he did not think it was "awfully important to be first" on the moon from a military standpoint. But he said it was "quite important" psychologically in view of the cold war struggle with Russia.

Pressed for elaboration, he said "the fact that the Russians occupy Siberia is much more dangerous to us than the question of whether or not they occupy the moon."—U.P.I.

Lee & Astor

SHOWING TO-DAY
SPECIAL TIMES AT 2.30, 5.15, 7.30 & 9.45 P.M.



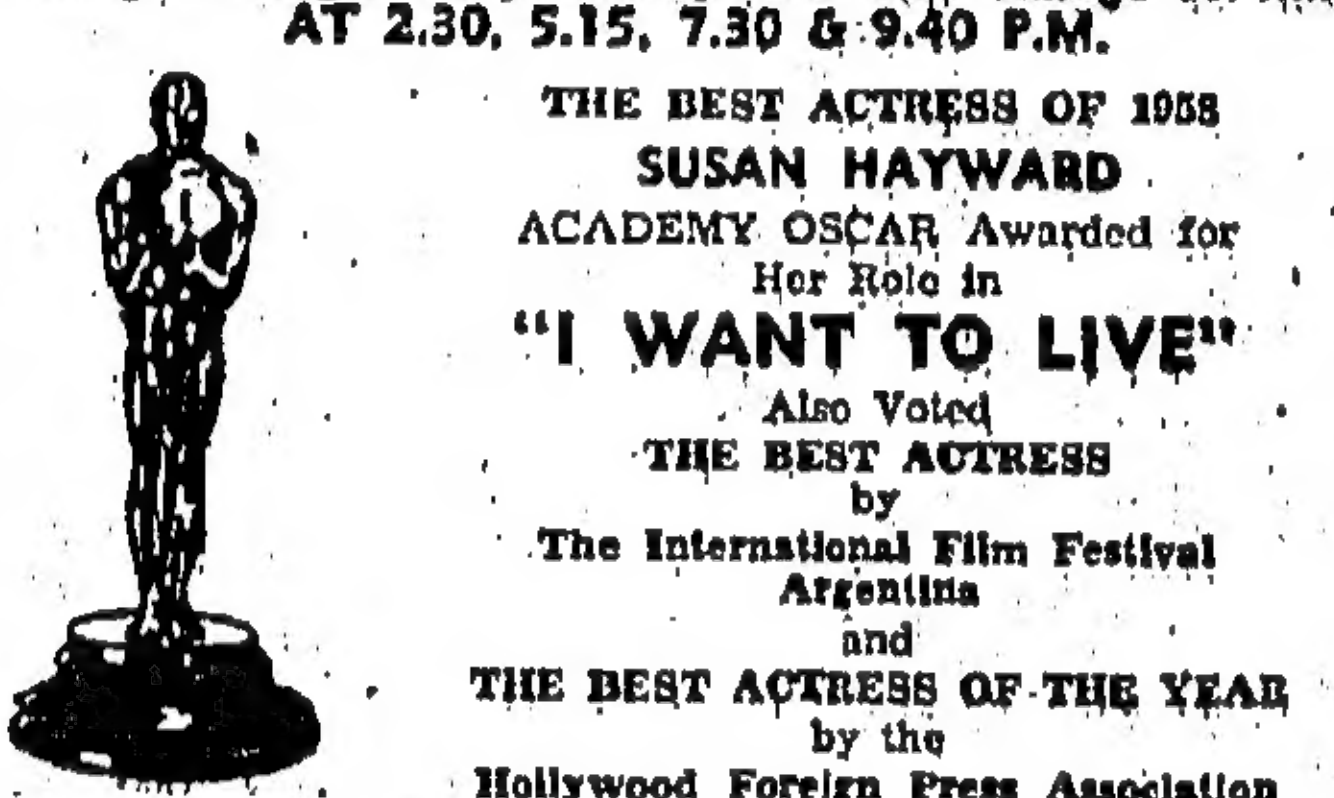
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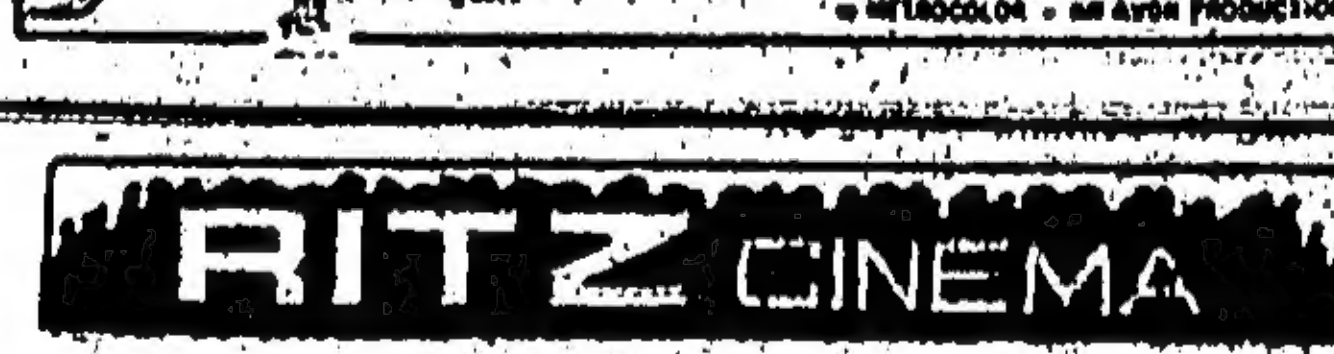
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HOOVER GALA

★ SHOWING TO-DAY ★
AT 2.30, 5.20, 7.30 & 9.40 P.M.

THE TALK OF THE TOWN

Moviemakers are enthralled with the magnificent screen production of Tennessee Williams' Pulitzer-Prize Play!



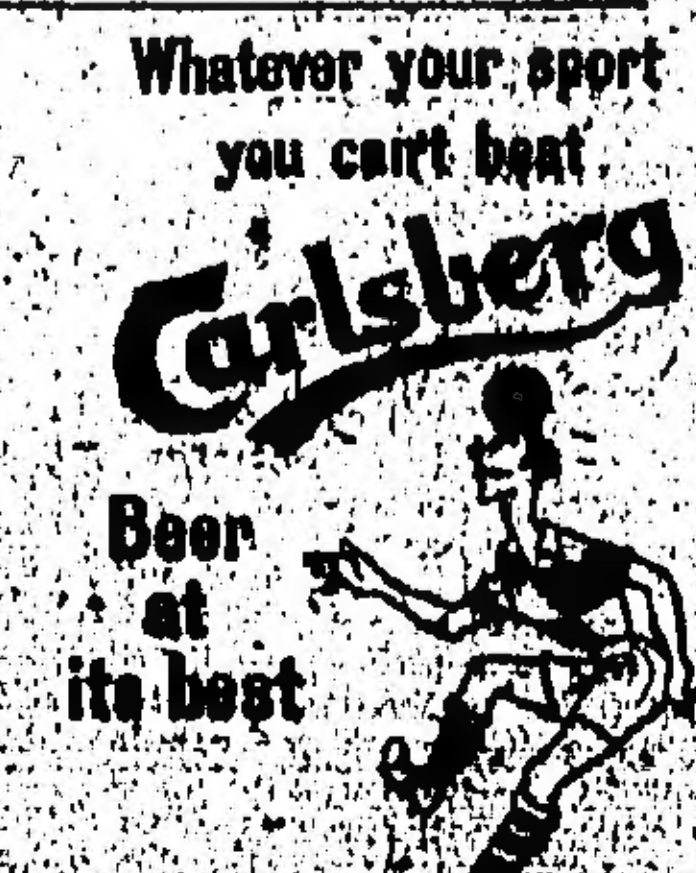
RITZ CINEMA

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AT 2.30, 5.15, 7.30 & 9.45 P.M.



TO-MORROW MORNING SHOW AT 12.30 P.M.
"TWO YEARS BEFORE THE MAST"

POP—Door to snare sales



Teenagers Told: "Don't Smoke"

New York, April 12. The City Health Commissioner disclosed today that New York public schools have been asked to discourage teenagers from smoking as a result of reports linking cigarettes and lung cancer.

Monty Called "Great Failure"

London, April 12. An Oxford University history professor today hotly criticised Field Marshal Montgomery's proposed trip to Moscow at the end of the month.

"I cannot see that there is any virtue in his going," said Dr. Alan Taylor.

"We know that he was a great failure as Chief of the Imperial General Staff," he added.

Dr. Taylor described Montgomery as a "retired second grade soldier."

He said: "He was very good as a commander during the war when he had superiors over him: Alexander, Churchill or Eisenhower."

"Nearly everything he says on politics is silly and nearly everything he has said on general strategy," —U.P.I.

Dr. Leona Baumgartner said that adults, particularly doctors, should take the lead in persuading youngsters not to take up the smoking habit.

She said she and other officials were considering the possibility of an organized anti-smoking campaign in public schools.

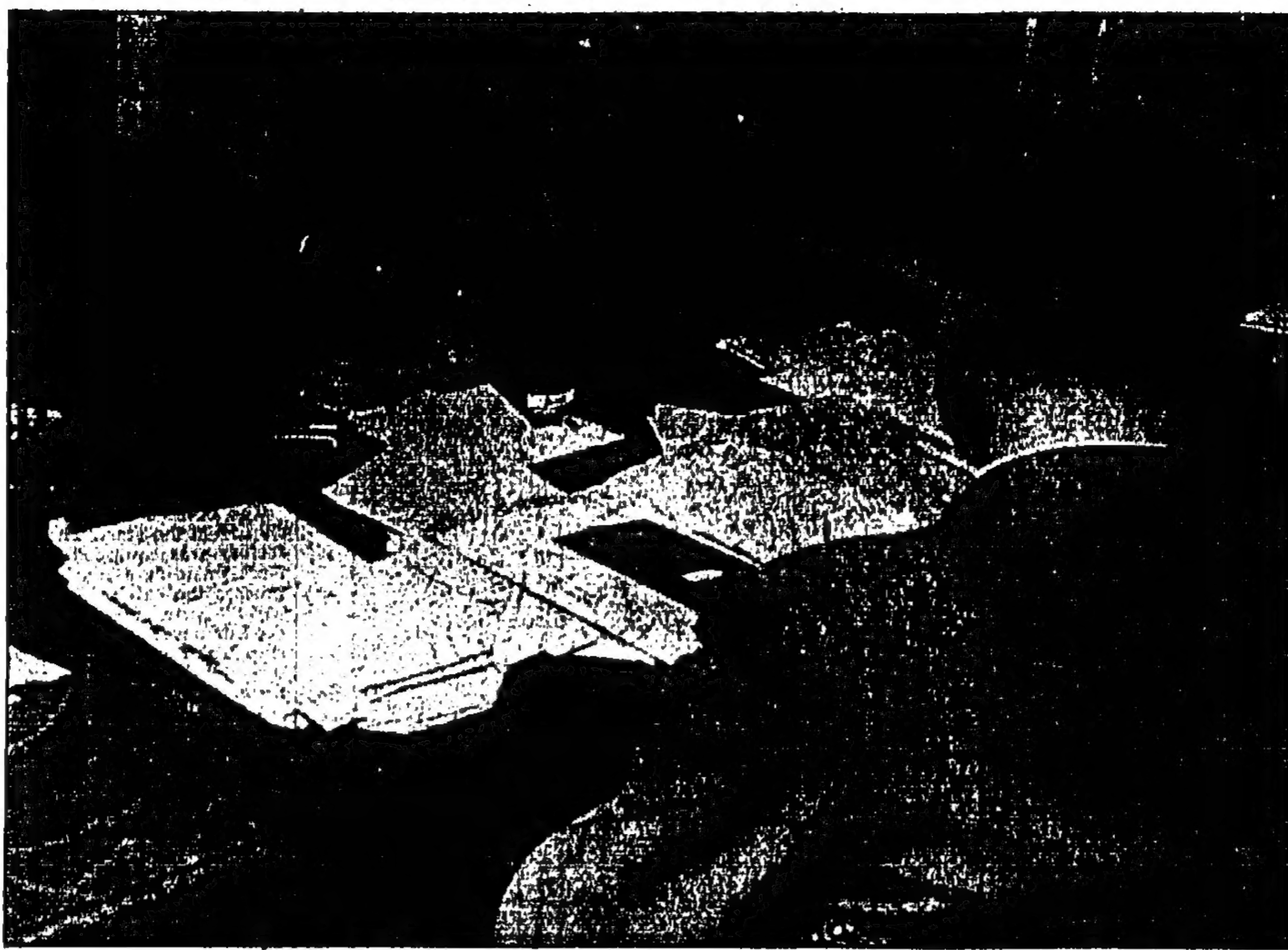
In an interview on the W.C.B.'s radio show "Let's Find Out," Dr. Baumgartner was asked if she intended to wage a campaign against cigarette smoking.

"Well," she replied, "We have had a lot of talk about that. We had a meeting of the cancer advisory committee, which we formed and set up recently."

Campaign

"What we have done is to ask the schools to do something more with the teenagers again so that they don't get started smoking."

"We're looking to this question as more of a campaign. I think the thing that is trouble some is what good does it do if you do make a lot of statements and put out a lot of pamphlets?" —U.P.I.



"African Women Should Wear Brassieres"

— SAID DANIEL

Toronto, April 12. A pair of broken glasses and an embittered outlook on the Ballets Africains was all Daniel Braithwaite had to show today for his attempt to stop 32 native dancers from performing in the near-nude.

Braithwaite, a 30-year-old Toronto-born Negro musician, picketed last night's final performance at the Royal Alexandra Theatre.

He said three male dancers came out on the street as the show was about to begin and roughed him up.

Braithwaite called the police, who told him he could press charges, but he said he wouldn't as long as the theatre paid for his glasses.

In a telephone interview today, the slight, studious-looking devotee of African culture gave this account of the incident.

"I saw the Saturday matinee which was very good until the lewd encore when four or five girls started the bumps and grinds."

"I walked out and complained to the manager."

Daniel was told not to make a nuisance of himself and go home.

But he made a picket sign saying "African Women Should Wear Brassieres" and paraded it in front of the theatre as the evening audience was arriving.

"Amused"

Several ticket holders stopped to ask such questions as "Don't they have anything on?"

Braithwaite told what he had seen — women wearing black, net, brassieres.

"The people were mostly amused," he said, "but the dancers themselves didn't think it was funny. About 8.15 p.m. three of them came out and started dancing at me in French. I could tell they were mad."

He said he was shoved off the sidewalk.

"One of the women was cheering them on, and they hit me in the face," he said.

When the theatre manager gave him 15 dollars for his glasses, he went home to think it over.

"I don't think I'll do anything about it—I made my point," he said.

His "point" was this: "The people of Africa are fighting for independence, but Ballets Africains is damaging this noble cause by appearing in North America like savages."

—U.P.I.

RUSSIA TO BUILD HIGHEST TOWER

London, April 12. Moscow Radio boasted today that Russia this year will begin building a cone shaped television tower that will outstretch the world's tallest buildings in height and transmit a television picture to districts 80 miles outside Moscow.

The broadcast said that the powerful new TV station will tower 1,025 feet into the city skyline from the grounds of the Dzerzhinsky Park of Culture and Sport.

On the basis of the Pravda report Moscow's ultra-modern television station will rival the world's tallest buildings as a tourist showpiece.

The "Zvezda" tower, built in 1959 is 804 feet high; Tokyo's television tower rises to 1,062 feet. Even New York's 1,025-foot Empire State building will surrender its Everest-like aloofness. It measures 1,250 feet high, compared to Moscow's plan to build to 1,025 feet into the sky.—U.P.I.

Gladly Pay, If...

Chicago, April 11. The Chicago Income Tax Director's office said a man claimed his mother-in-law as a dependent and added this plaintive note: "Please note my new exemption. If you can arrange her removal from my home, I'll gladly pay the additional \$120 tax." —U.P.I.

WYNFORD — WORLD'S YOUNGEST EDITOR

London. Wynford Grant, who has just passed his twelfth birthday is the world's youngest newspaper proprietor.

He is also editor, reporter, printer, advertising and circulation manager and delivery boy, of the British provincial newspaper The Billericay Observer.

Wynford, recently called on the Town Clerk at the request of the 27-member town council of Basildon, Essex, to request press facilities for his newspaper.

Mr. Alma Hatt, the Town Clerk, had to find out on behalf of the council whether the application was bona fide and to ensure that the newspaper has a national or local circulation.

In reply to the Town Clerk, Wynford said he wasn't afraid to walk home alone in the dark after council meetings.

He also assured Mr. Hatt that his duties as a journalist would not interfere with his school homework.

Wynford founded the six-page newspaper just over a year ago because he was bored when his school magazine stopped.

It appears fortnightly and has a regular circulation of between 90 and 100 copies.

Following the interview Mr. Hatt stated that he will recommend to the council that Wynford Grant's newspaper should be officially recognised and granted full Press facilities.

Picture shows Wynford talking to the Town Clerk.

Britons To Flee North In War

London, April 12. Britain will rush 12 million refugees to shelter in hideouts in the northern hills in any future nuclear war, the Sunday Graphic said today.

The report said the Home Secretary, Mr. R. A. Butler, was already at work on a massive plan to uproot millions of families and shepherd them to safety in Wales, Scotland and Northern England in the event of a nuclear battle between East and West.

The Graphic said Mr. Butler's proposals for the pattern of evacuation will reach Cabinet level for discussion soon.

Remote mountain areas of the north were selected as shelter sites because Britain's traditional castles and forts around the south coast now house a chain of rocket sites, it said.

First Target

"They would be the first target of any long range missiles from Eastern Europe and Russia," the report said.

The Graphic also said British Commonwealth Governments would be asked to take a large number of refugees in the event of a surprise attack.

But the report conspicuously added that government leaders "do not think that any foreign power would be foolish enough to unleash an H-bomb war on the world."

And anyway, it said, many people would take the fatalistic attitude and refuse to budge from their homes.—U.P.I.

Universities Against Apartheid

Capetown, April 12. Student representatives of all English-language universities in South Africa today declared a "Free-Statement-Free-World" protest against the Government's bill which seeks to introduce apartheid into universities.

The statement, issued after a weekend conference of the Students' Representative Council, said they would refuse to accept the bill even though it had already been read for the second time in Parliament.—Reuters.

Tongue Of Newt?

London, April 12. The London Chamber of Commerce said today it had received requests during the last year for the names of suppliers for such items as wart hog teeth, popping bugs and ceremonial cannons.—U.P.I.

"SAHARA—THE WEST'S NEW OIL GUSHER"

London, April 12. A British newspaperman said today that dedicated French pioneers in the Sahara were spelling the end of the West's dependence for oil on the Middle East.

News of the World reporter A. Noyes Thomas, back in London from a special assignment in the Sahara oil fields, directed a warning to Iraqi Premier Maj.-Gen. Abdul Karim Kassam in a front-page banner-line story headed "Sahara Will be the West's Oil Gusher."

The long article was a resume of what he saw during his tour. It was levelled directly at Kassam.

He said he had "news" for Kassam.

"And," he said, "I suggest you weigh it very carefully before you rattle your Middle East old can too noisily—before you act on any thoughts you may have about nationalising the oil resources of your country."

"Saying that the Sahara was far from being desolate waste you may still imagine it to be," Thomas described the activity in the desert.

He said 10,000 "crazy young French pioneers" are out there among the sand dunes working their hearts out through the fiery days and bitterly cold nights.

New Era

He said they believed their labours would result in a new era of prosperity for their own country and eventually for their Western neighbours.

He said they knew their work can give France and eventually much of Western Europe complete independence from the oil supplies "which you and other Middle East leaders have until now been able to use as a trump card."

He said that intensive prospecting and drilling in the Sahara in the past three years have revealed recoverable reserves of at least 800,000,000 tons of oil.

"And more reserves are being discovered all the time," he said.

Giant Gamble

"In a giant gamble," Thomas said, "France decided even before all these reserves were proved, to push ahead with multi-million pound schemes to build pipelines from the vastness of the Sahara to the Mediterranean. The gamble is about to pay off."

One of the lines, he said, emerges on the coast near Algiers. It will be finished soon.

Another to the sea is being driven from the southwest of the Sahara, across Tunisia. It will be finished in 18 months.

Between them the annual capacity will eventually be 26,000,000 tons.

Already the French realise that both these pipelines are much too small to cope with all the oil that is gushing even now from the new wells. More outlets are being planned.

No Pipe Dream

"It is hoped that even at the outset crude oil will be available from the North-African coast just across the narrow Mediterranean from Europe, at prices slightly lower than it is being offered at present far away on the Persian Gulf."

"You can call this a pipe dream if you like," Major-Gen. Abdul Karim Kassam, said Thomas. "But you should know that for France in the near future and for Western Europe at a not-so-distant date it is a dream coming true."

"There are many knowledgeable Frenchmen who believe that the oil—and vast resources of natural gas—which the Sahara is about to yield will turn France within three or four years into the world's third greatest producer of energy. Only the United States and Russia will be in front." —U.P.I.

"Death Factory" Anniversary

Belsen, April 12. Simple ceremonies here today commemorated the 14th anniversary of the liberation of the handful of survivors of the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp—notorious Nazi "death factory."

The camp in which 30,000 Jews lost their lives, was the site of ceremonies in which religious services were conducted by ministers of three faiths.—U.P.I.

He Had Star Part In The Purification Ceremony

Kampala, Uganda, April 12. A drought and a dead dog caused a riot in Kitekwil, Uganda, according to police reports reaching here today.

The dog belonged to the local Asian trader, Harshad Deva. It died three months ago and he buried it. There were mutterings among the tribesmen "Burying a dog is against tribal custom," they complained. "It will bring evil spirits among us and we shall be cursed."

Their fears were confirmed when the rains failed to arrive. A crowd gathered outside Deva's shop.

"You have brought a drought upon us," they declared.

"This is the dog and give us two goats for purification ceremony so that the rains may fall."

Stones crashed on the shop, smashing a showcase and damaging three vehicles. Deva hastily agreed to their demands.

Later, he was horrified to learn that the purification ceremony included stoning the man responsible for the curse. A party of police arrived just in time to save him. They arrested 15 tribesmen, including four local chiefs.—U.P.I.

Crippled Boy Found

Grand Junction, Colo., April 12. A 100-man search party, using a helicopter and bloodhounds, rescued a crippled boy today from the wilds of the rocky mountains near here.

A Grand Junction physician examined the boy, Sammy Jennings, 7, and said he was in good condition despite the fact that he had spent 18 hours in rugged mountain country.

The boy blind in one eye and crippled, was first spotted on top of a flat rock, one third of the way from the top of a mountain, 14 miles south of here.

A Grand Junction businessman, Henry Swenson, said he saw the boy standing on the rock, perched precariously on the side of a cliff.

Family Panic

Chester Jennings of Grand Junction, the boy's father, said that searchers were unable to explain how Sammy climbed the steep mountain side.

The boy became lost yesterday when he wandered away from a family picnic to return to the Jennings car, parked 150 yards away.

Jennings said his son was dressed in a bath jacket but did not complain too much about having to spend the night in sub-freezing weather.

"He told me he just prayed all night to Jesus," the father said.—U.P.I.

Not So Secure

Montgomery, Ala., April 11. The Absolute Security Life Insurance Co. was placed in receivership in Federal court yesterday.—U.P.I.

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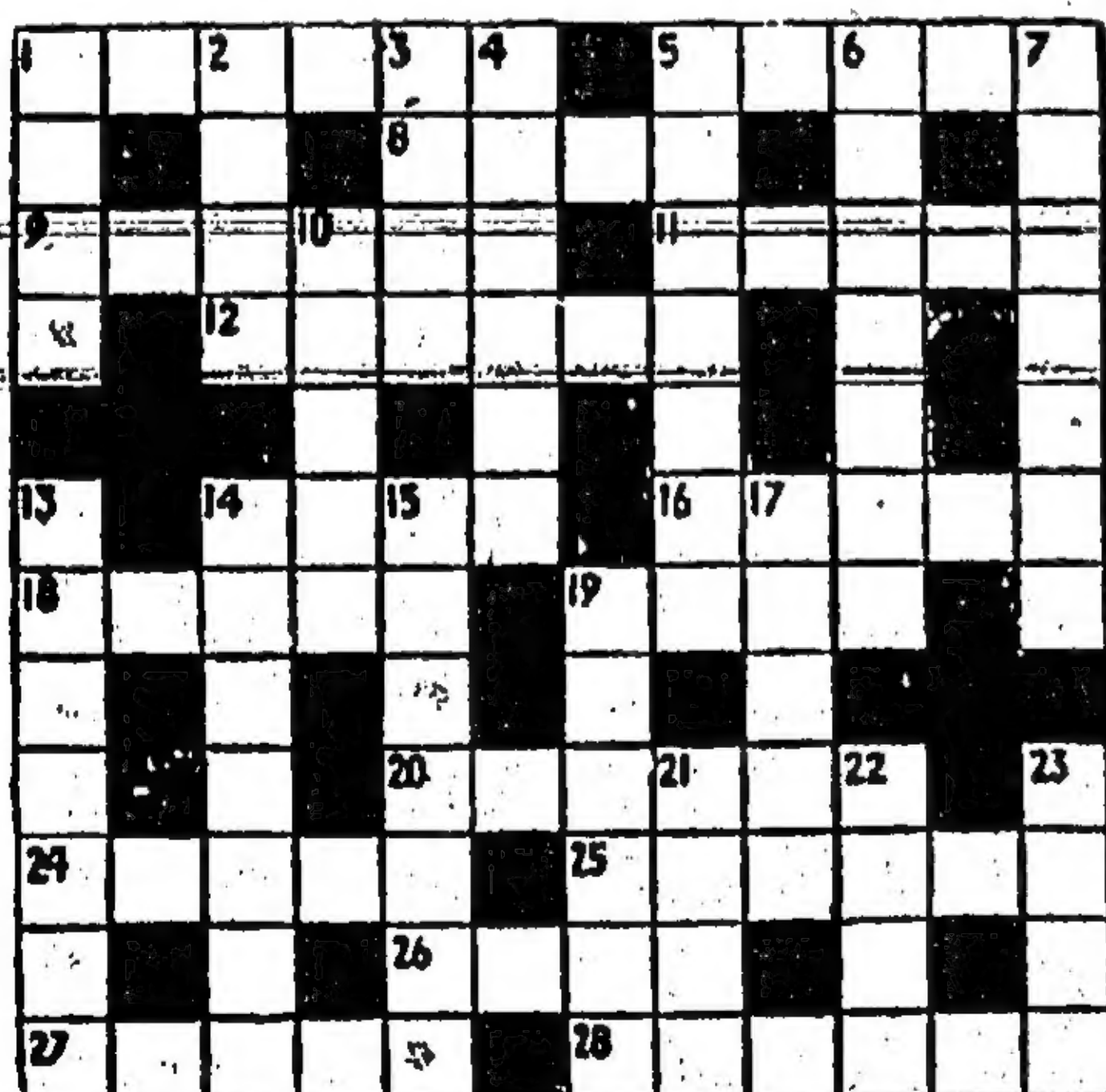
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| 2 Clutch (6). | 2 Highway (4). |
| 3 Actual (4). | 3 Extent (4). |
| 4 Packing-cases (6). | 4 Plan (6). |
| 5 Relative (6). | 5 Bunch (7). |
| 6 Severe (6). | 6 Charged with crime (7). |
| 7 Farm building (4). | 7 High ecclesiastical dignitary (7). |
| 8 Upright (6). | 8 Ordain (6). |
| 9 Banishment (8). | 9 Deserved (7). |
| 10 Small hall (4). | 10 Bird (7). |
| 11 Frank (6). | 11 Attitude (7). |
| 12 Cogs (6). | 12 Mad (5). |
| 13 Boredom (6). | 13 Badinage (6). |
| 14 Smooth (4). | 14 Valley (4). |
| 15 Sandhills (6). | 15 Terrible (4). |
| 16 Say again (6). | 16 Leave out (4). |

SATURDAY'S SOLUTION.—Across: 3 Obstacle, 6 Ever, 9 Comedian, 11 Mediator, 13 Ante, 15 (well) Disposed, 18 Threaten, 19 Base, 21 Furrowed, 23 Salvage, 26 Vice, 27 Meddler, 28 Beware. Down: 1 Decoy, 2 Wood, 4 Boat, 5 Vice, 6 Calves, 7 Female, 8 C.A.B.-ed, 10 Mower, 12 Bribe, 14 Throne, 16 Shrug, 17 Decoy, 18 Beam, 20 Sled, 21 Furo, 22 Bear, 23 Whim, 24 Joke.

HUGE SHOW OF AERIAL FIRE POWER

Las Vegas, April 12. Four British Vulcan jet bombers and a Comet of Transport Command led foreign participation today in the greatest demonstration of aerial fire power ever given in the United States.

Thousands of gamblers deserted the casinos of Las Vegas to go to Indian Springs, 50 miles north in the desert, where jet pilots from 10 nations took part in the display.

The delta-wing British Vulcans, drawn from the famous

017 "Dam Buster" squadron of the Royal Air Force, were led by Air Vice Marshal George Walker, Air Officer Commanding Number One Group of Bomber Command.

The big fire power display was given by U.S. bombers and fighters, and included bomb drops and rocket and cannon firings.

It was a lively curtain-raiser to the World Congress of Flight, which opens here tomorrow with delegates from 47 countries.

"Miss Space"

Highlights during the week ahead include an attempt tomorrow on a Russian-held world aviation speed record by 27-year-old blonde American Miss Jerrie Cobb.

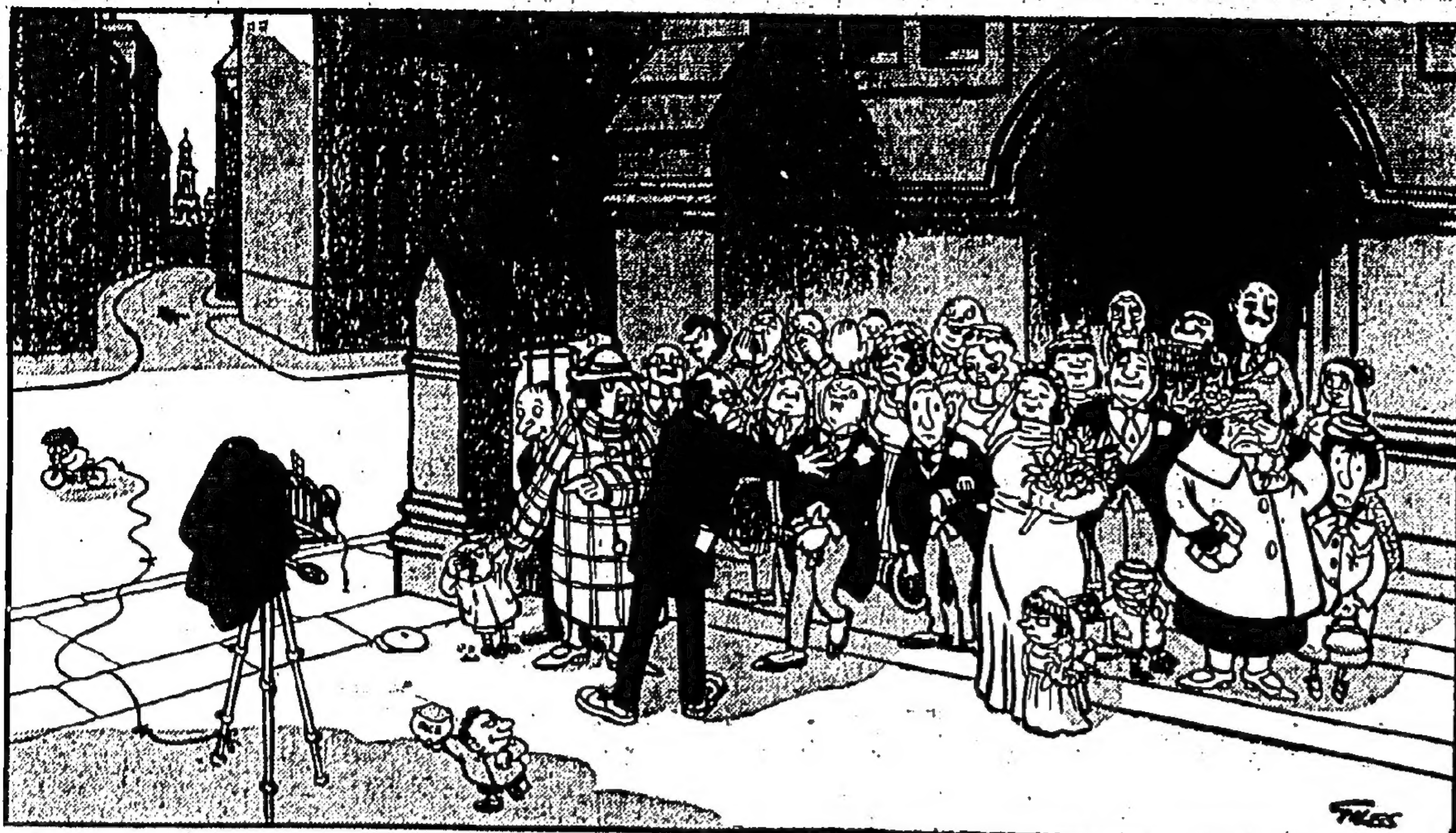
She will fly a twin-engine A-109 "Comet" in a bid to wrest from Peire Zalkouanakis his 1935 record of 223.7 miles an hour.

Another highlight will be the first public display of America's commercial jet age fleet—the Douglas DC8, Boeing 707, and Convair 440.

Inevitably there is a "Miss Space" elected for the occasion. She is Miss Suzanne Adams, 26, from Dallas.

She sports a space helmet, skintight sweater, shorts, and black net stockings.

Her message to the world's Press is that woman should go with man into space and that "a compatible" man and wife team would be better than a two-man crew for lengthy space journeys.—Reuters.



"I don't care if you are sick of photographing weddings—you've no right to punch my Alfie's nose."

London Express Service.

There's no gambling now in 'Casino City'

HAVANA.

I REPORT from the craziest city in the world—a city where Boy Scouts direct the traffic because the policemen who should be doing the job are locked up in their own gnat cells.

Where the Customs officers at the airport insist that they strip and search a party of furious tourists, then, finding nothing, say: "I am so sorry. Now we will all go to the bar so I can buy you a drink."

Where a boy of 15 who in the last two years has killed six men is being told at his school desk: "You really must learn not to ride your bicycle up a one-way street."

This is Havana after the revolution which swept away Cuba's dictator, Fulgencio Batista, and put 35-year-old ex-lavender Fidel Castro into power. Only a few weeks ago, as the chatter of machine guns died away, Castro was borne in triumph into the capital here.

The guerrilla war he and his rebel army had fought for nearly three years from hide-outs in this Caribbean island of sunshine, sugar, and cigars was over. Castro was hailed as the saviour of his people.

But what a crazy set-up they have got now.

Just about everybody who had any say in running the place has fled or has been flung into prison. So now it is running on a shoestring.

WELCOME . . .

When I arrived here I thought the revolution had broken out all over again.

The airport was stiff with Castro's soldiers. And a pretty

● The beautiful girls and the all-night gaming tables . . . these were the big tourist attractions of Cuba before the revolution which swept Fidel Castro into power. Today the hotels and the casinos of Havana are empty . . . the cafés are filled with out-of-work Cubans . . . children beg in the streets. And all Castro can do is cry: "Give me time and all will be well."

aggressive-looking lot they are too. They walk around like mobile armories—fested with rifles and pistols which they spin round their fingers. When they launched their crusade in 1956 they swore not to have their hair cut until Cuba's 3,000,000 people saw their cause for the glorious thing they themselves believed it to be.

Apparently some Cubans have yet to be enlightened. For Castro's men now have beads to their chests and their hair hangs in curls on their shoulders.

The reason there were more of Castro's men than passengers at the airport was that they took it over during the revolution. Now no one can find anything else for them to do. So they just stay there.

As I checked in an official handed me a piece of paper saying that Cuba welcomed me as a tourist.

I was about to thank him for his kindness when he said:

"That will be two dollars 50 cents" (17s. 6d.).

Another official gave me a paper-backed Gospel according to Saint Luke and a card saying: "Welcome in the name of Christian brotherhood."

Before I could even think of thanking him, he thrust a second card at me: "All financial contributions gratefully received."

NO DIFFERENCE

The Customs officers who are building up a big reputation locally for undressing visitors let me off lightly. They only made me turn everything out of my bags, which had taken two hours to sack.

A porter standing at my side shrugged and whispered: "They have been doing the job only for a fortnight. They will tire."

On the way into town I met my first traffic-controlling Boy Scout. These boys are having fun. Some drivers take notice of them; some don't. It makes no difference. They all finish up in the same enraged jam.

I asked what was happening to the police. "They are waiting in jail for fair trial."

Forty-three armmen who had flown for deposed dictator Batista got one of these "fair trials" a few days ago. They were all found not guilty.

This so infuriated Premier Castro—who grows one minute with the righteousness of a man who still believes in Santa Claus, and the next shows the very qualities he deplored in Batista—that he ordered a retrial.

This time the firmen were all found guilty, and given hard labour sentences from one to 30 years.

So it looks as if Havana will not be having a police force until it trains a new one.

I drove to one of the £20-a-day American-owned hotels along the waterfront. A commissionaire in white pith helmet with green cockade leaped forward to open the car door. The hotel doors opened themselves (by means of an electric eye) six feet before I reached them.

The lobby was a soaringly splendid affair with a fountain at its centre and palm trees round the edges. Under them were five guests—and 14 soldiers with automatics.

So badly has the revolution hit the tourist trade—one of Cuba's biggest sources of revenue—that some hotels have been offering to put up Americans free for three days. And the National Airline has said it would fly people here at cut prices.

But the tourists aren't coming. They were scared off by the fighting.

HIS SPEECH

Schizophrenic Castro keeps saying he wants the tourists in again. Then he lets off a speech lambasting the United States and all it has stood for since the South-American war more than 60 years ago.

Every time he does this a deputaion of hotel chiefs races

round to Government offices to plead: "Can't you send him on his holiday? If only you could keep him quiet for ten days we might get some business."

But trying to stop Castro talking is like trying to stem Niagara Falls with a bath plug.

A few nights ago he appeared on television and made a speech lasting five hours. Everyone thought that must have got it all off his chest. But two nights later he was back again.

He started before 11 o'clock. When I turned over in bed at 3 a.m. his voice was still rasping out from a radio over the otherwise silent city.

There was a time when no visitors to Havana were ever in bed at 3 a.m. They were all at the casinos gambling until dawn. That was what most of them came for.

But Castro doesn't like casinos. He thinks gambling is wrong. And he says, quite rightly, that a lot of gambling in Havana had got into the hands of thugs and mobsters from America.

So first he shut down the casinos—which made sure that anyone planning to fly here to roll dice or play the wheels went somewhere else.

Then he decided to open them again—but only on condition

that they paid him swingeing taxes.

It is beyond the ingenuity even of a gangster to work out how he is going to pay Castro when the customers who might have provided the money have been frightened away.

I talked to one of them in a casino, which was almost empty. His name was Butch. He wore smoked glasses and a double-breasted navy blue suit with a bulge under the left arm.

He told me: "This guy Castro? What's he done? I'll tell you what he's done. He's cut himself into the business with no investment when we ain't got no clients. How crazy can you get?"

Castro is also against girls—or at least against their being published to attract tourists. As Havana probably has more breathtaking beauties to the square mile than anywhere else in the world, this seems to be a lot of Cubans' waste of a natural asset.

But, instead of girls and gambling, Castro wants Cuba to be famed for its beaches and bulldozing.

Millions of American holiday-makers can find a beach

much nearer home. And never in memory has Cuba staged a bulldoze.

On top of all this, Castro is broke. Desperately so. For when Dictator Batista scuttled off to exile, he first stuffed his pockets with public funds. Tens of millions of dollars went with him. And he left behind a monumental national debt.

Castro was never able to pay his soldiers in the three years they fought for him. They had to live off the land.

Since the revolution Castro has made one payment, £12 to all his soldiers. That was a month ago and there is no sign of their getting any more.

"GIVE ME TIME"

Life in Havana is almost a standstill. Lines of taxis already gleaming are polished hour upon hour by their drivers. Rarely does anyone get into them. Cabs are filled with out-of-work Cubans who languidly sip cups of bitter, strong coffee. Children beg in the streets.

And constantly comes the call from a car: "Give me time and all will be well."

As if this is not fantasy enough there exists a political situation which would rate for come opera if it did not threaten tragedy for millions.

For, with none of his doorstep problems sorted out, there is talk of Castro invading the Dominican Republic; of the Dominican Republic invading Castro's Cuba; of 100,000 exiled Haitians launching an invasion from here back to their own country.

There is even talk of counter-revolution within Cuba itself to overthrow Castro.

But most fantastic of all was my meeting with the 18-year-old boy who fought for two years in Castro's rebel army.

He was only 13 when he killed four Batista men with a knife, then two more with a gun.

Today they are trying to turn Victor Arguelles back into a schoolboy, teaching him how to read and write. . . how not to ride his bicycle on the wrong side of the road. . . how to speak courteously to his elders.

But all Victor wants to talk about is how he took the lives of the men "who thought I was just a kid and could do them no harm."

"Fantastic," perhaps, but then so is everything in Cuba today.

A Ship Accursed

By BOB BLOAN

Special To China Mail

Buenos Aires.

THE misfortune which haunts the 23,000 gross ton "Cruz del Sur," once the proudest, biggest whale factory ship in the world, has reminded many an Argentine sailor of the legend that a curse descends upon any ship on whose construction lives have been lost.

In 1931, just after the vessel had been launched in her Belfast yards, the gangplank collapsed and 62 men fell into the water. Twenty died.

The curse seemed to dog the ship from the start. The floating factory was equipped with the most up-to-date machinery to process the catch. But in the eight years afloat, the Cruz del Sur never saw a whale. The ship was especially fitted to sail the frozen Arctic seas. She never saw the midnight sun.

Tanker

She has been used as a tanker, detailed to operate as a tramp, or laid idle near the port of Buenos Aires. Instead of producing millions, she cost millions; and at least one skipper commented privately: "I would not more consider owning that ship than keeping an elephant in the back garden."

The man, who brought the ship into existence, was 60-odd years old, Gibraltar-born Alfredo Ryan, a financial wizard who, as President of the Compania Argentina de Pesca, revolutionized Argentine whaling in the politically troubled Antarctic waters where British and Argentine claims to sovereignty clash.

As long as he enjoyed the favour of Government House, nothing was impossible for Ryan. He wrangled his way and managed to operate in the disputed island of South Georgia by serving two masters at once. He secured a special charter from the Argentines and leave from the British—to whom he paid taxes.

Irregular

To build the ship, which cost £2,918,000, he was granted an official loan, until his protector, the late Argentine financier,

Miguel Miranda, died. Then no more money came. Ryan, however, went ahead with the project and paid for the construction of the vessel with his foreign earnings from whale oil.

He knew that this was irregular because payments had to be made through the Central Bank. He began to have misgivings. "Whenever the whale port opened," he recalls, "I adjured, fancying a Walt Disneyish big mouth leering at me. I will make a fool of you, it seemed to say."

Four years later, the whale port became the scene of a murder record in the annals of the Buenos Aires police. A ship's electrician took an occasional girl friend aboard the vessel, drank himself silly and at dawn killed her and threw her body into the river through the port doors.

Ryan decided that the best way out of his plight would be to secure the favour of the then dictator, General Juan Peron. He sought to interest him by naming the vessel after him. But his endeavours met with little success. The former dictator never visited the ship.

When the silver grey "Juan Peron" finally entered the port of Buenos Aires, it was the biggest ship ever to dock there. To make the most of its maiden voyage, it arrived with 25,000 tons of petrol. Ryan was on the bridge beside the captain, availing with the responsibility of bringing the vessel through the tricky roads of the River Plate.

Impounded

That was about the last Ryan saw of the "Juan Peron." As soon as she docked, he was given notice of embargo. The ship was impounded for payments which the Central Bank deemed irregular.

Then began her career of humiliation. She changed her master often and was never loved. For 14 months she stood idle in the port of Buenos Aires,

costing Ryan the equivalent of £2,000 a month and yielding nothing. The Government took her over, paid Ryan theoretically less than £1,000,000 or one third of its value. Two thirds of that sum went to meet taxes and fines.

Once, the ship sailed on an instruction course for merchant sailors and later she was handed over to the state oil corporation, YPF, and used to bring oil from Curacao—which prompted one skipper to comment: "It's like using a Rolls-Royce to deliver milk."

YPF must have agreed with this sentiment. But to repudiate the ship, renamed "Cruz del Sur" after the 1955 revolution, up for sale by tender, and decided that with the proceeds it will order a fleet of smaller tankers.

Ill Repute

Although she is barely eight years old, shipping executives in the business district of Buenos Aires talk of her as of a lady of ill repute. "Beware of touching her," they say, "she is no good."

Actually, this is more than a wisecrack. YPF announced that the will only be sold on condition that she continues to sail under the Argentine flag and is used as a factory for the whaling industry. But to repudiate her will cost a fortune. The factory aboard has been largely dismantled, since, for YPF's purposes it was merely dead weight.

A large part of the sailors' quarters—she originally had accommodation for 500, but only just 100 were needed to use her as a tanker—has been turned into store rooms.

Moreover, whales at present seem to be scarce in the Antarctic.

What is more, Ryan, the likeliest candidate who even some time ago was shy of buying the vessel, is fond of saying: "I am not superstitious of course, but I am a Irishman and whenever I see a black cat, I cross my fingers."



How to drive with children and stay sane

If you see a blue station wagon parked by the roadside next week-end with someone peering intently into the engine, don't go thinking: "There's someone in trouble."

by PETER DACRE

can become comparatively painless. There is only one basic principle to observe: keep the children from getting bored.

First, always travel in short stages. Two hours is the most any normally healthy child can be expected to sit still.

Half the hair-tearing alarm-sphere built up in cars during long journeys is caused by fathers who want to keep moving. But next time behind a wheel on a long ride and they want to press on regardless. They want to roll up at their destination and say modestly: "Four hours 22 minutes from door-to-door. Not bad going, eh?"

I am no exception. But bitter experience has taught me that this merely results in all concerned arriving in a state of nervous exhaustion. Now I take it steady.

Fifteen minutes before starting I pack the kids into the car and let them run off some of their animal spirits.

On long trips we always take sandwiches to eat as we go along. This allows me to drive through the lunch hours when there is less traffic and fewer heavy worries about. And when we do stop the children can use the time to run about.

On the Continent, where lunch can last four hours, eating as you drive is an even better idea.

But what happens while you are in the car? It is little use leaving a few candies and plastic toys in the back seat and hoping that the children will be satisfied.

The only real answer is to keep them amused. I asked

some well-known parents how they do this. Most of them planned for games of the I-say variety.

ENID BLYTON (who is a superb mother and mother of two) recommends a list of eight "dozen" questions to spot on the journey.

There is quite an art in this. The list must not be too easy or too difficult. Miss Blyton gave me one she has used successfully: cat on a window-sill, red garden gate, yellow car, white cow, a double gram, a woman carrying a dog, and a tree struck by lightning.

You give ten cents for every object spotted and a dollar for the winner.

Novelist NIGEL BALCHIN runs a sawspate on the sawspate of the ship's sun. You can devise a number of variations on this. "How far can we go before the baby cries or little Johnny wants to get out of the car?"

Or play the Silence Game: "How far can we go before somebody speaks?"

PSYCHOLOGICAL?

Now for the other big problem: car sickness. Doctors and motor experts I quizzed assure me it is largely mental and psychological.

But some people think it is caused by static electricity. You have probably tried hanging on from chains from the car to act as an earth and found it useless.

However, if you keep the children really occupied by car sickness or anything else. You may even get through the journey without that ghastly queasiness, which usually comes two minutes after you have started out. "Are we nearly there yet, Daddy?"

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Photo shows Miss (Victoria Ann) Wright, with father, mother, and her singing twin aunts Babs and Teddy.—London Express Photo.

Outstanding Performances By Czech Athletes In Peking Meet

Stanislav Junwirth and Josef Dolezal performed outstandingly for the Czechoslovakian Track and Field team of Prague Dukla Club in a match with China's athletes in Peking this afternoon, Radio Peking reported today.

A powerful wind at times Stadium and excited hearty cheering made it impossible for fast times, but the world class per-
formances by Junwirth, Dolezal, Jiri Stobla and others delighted the 10,000 crowd at Peking.

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Kitchee Make KMB Pay A Heavy Price For Their Over-Confidence

By I. M. MACTAVISH

HIP HIP HOORAY NOT SO MUCH FOR A KITCHEE VICTORY OR, FOR THAT MATTER, FOR KMB'S FIRST DEFEAT . . . but for one burst of the glorious unexpected which is all too often absent from local football. Kitchee won this game deservedly. The score sheet will tell posterity that they scored four goals against three chalked up by the Busmen . . . but the real headline story is that Kitchee against all predictions shattered the KMB ambition of lingering on the fringe of the League Championship a little longer.

Frankly, on yesterday's form Kitchee did commensurate a good turn for they showed up this over-cocky KMB team for what they really were—a shallow outfit who only looked good when the tide was running with them.

Yesterday, against the current, they played like third raters. They strode almost disdainfully through the proceedings as though they could win when and how they liked. Generally they treated the Kitchee efforts as something inferior . . . yet they lacked the fine fighting qualities of the boys in blue and white and quite truthfully on this showing they simply do not deserve their present elevated position in Colony football.

Why did KMB lose such a vital game after three times being in the lead?

Cause of Defeat

For the answer to that question I point the accusing finger directly at KMB centre-forward Lau Kai-chu. As he scored a couple of rattling good goals by means of a bit of un-usual, I believe, he was the main reason why the Busmen lost because he was involved in an incident which in my mind proved to be the turning point of the whole game.

It happened in the 29th minute of the second half. The Busmen were enjoying a 2-1 lead and if anything they looked like increasing it. The ball was swept down the right wing towards Chow Shu-hung, missing from his position, Lau Kai-chu hared out to the touch-line. He was almost beaten for possession by Chan Chien-lam and as they went into the goal the ball broke loose. The advantage at this moment lay with the big Busman but instead of playing the ball he risked a very doubtful bit of foot-flashing at the Kitchee full-back, and the ball ran into touch.

The KMB men's indiscretion brought a gasp and a shout from the crowd in the vicinity although it apparently escaped the referee completely . . . but how different would the result have been if the ball had been sent into the goalmouth. It dropped tantalizingly near the six yards line and while the defenders high-twisted and kicked a glorious header just inside the left hand post.

Full Credit

The teams were level at two goals all . . . and although they lost another goal almost immediately afterwards Kitchee had snatched the initiative and they never really lost it again, for positive into the goalmouth. It dropped tantalizingly near the six yards line and while the defenders high-twisted and kicked a glorious header just inside the left hand post.

From the throw-in the ball travelled out to the left wing where Sze-to Sum collared it and did a brilliant bit of jockeying for positive before sending the inch-perfect ball into the goalmouth. It dropped tantalizingly near the six yards line and while the defenders high-twisted and kicked a glorious header just inside the left hand post.

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and time and again he brought cheers from the crowd as he flicked and tussled to tremendous effect. His tenacious work checked many KMB raids while his intelligent distribution started a high percentage of the Kitchee attacks. How he found the energy to keep going as he did was something of a physical mystery. But keep going he did and a large slice of the credit for his team's success must go to him.

Revelling him for defensive honour was gallant old Tan Kar-sau who set a new style in soccer colours by turning out with closely shaven head . . . but his hair was the only thing he left behind. His football expertise was always a telling factor in keeping the Busmen at bay and his ebullient attitude to the game encouraged his colleagues when they might have wilted after being three times in arrears.

Don't get any idea, however, that Kitchee were a collection of world beaters. They very definitely were not but they were still a better and happier side than KMB.

The disappointed camp followers of the Busmen will doubtless blame the defeat on the absence of Wan Fat-him and Lau Pak but while I could find little to admire in the crude bone-crushing tactics of stand-in full-back Ng Tim-loy, I thought inexperienced reserve goalkeeper Tsui Kwok-hung did reasonably well behind a dis-trusting defence that was often ripped apart by the sheer persistence of Kwok Yau—who had to survive a lot of rough treatment—and the speed of Yeung Wai-lo.

Lau Tin was superficially as sound as ever but he cannot escape criticism for the second, third and fourth Kitchee goals.

Leung Kit made too many doubtful tackles to gain any merit marks and up front the KMB forwards varied between bouts of brilliance and moments of absolute mediocrity.

Their tactics were a bit hard to understand particularly during long spells in the second half when Chow Shu-hung was as often to be found in proximity to the left back position as he was in his correct place on the right touchline.

Leung Wai-hung was far below his best form and neither Lau Chien-lam nor Lam Kam-long played as they can.

In spite of threatening weather a big crowd turned up at Boundary Street and even the advent of heavy rain just before the interval did little more than send the spectators scurrying for temporary shelter. They were soon back in their places.

Scrappy Opening

Scrappy play was scrappy and neither side showed very much in the way of classy football. KMB beat Kitchee 6-2 in their earlier meeting on the same ground and after eight minutes play there was a hint of a similar outcome when Lau Kai-chu caught the KMB defenders napping and snuck a good shot into the net from around the eighteen yards line.

In the 10th minute we were treated to the most astonishing chapter of misses it has ever

been my fortune—or misfortune—to see. First of all Lau Kai-chu hit the post after beating everyone including the goalkeeper.

In the ensuing melee Lau Chien-lam showed that he could do even better than his centre-forward and he put the ball behind what was surely the mist of the season. The cost of such extravagance is underlined in the final scoresheet . . .

'Clever' Stuff

In the 32nd minute Kitchee equalised. The rather impetuous KMB defenders had survived two possible penalty kicks when first Lo Kwok-leung spread-eagled Chu Wing-wah and then Lau Tin up-ended Kwok Yau but there was no doubt in the referee's mind—or mine—about the outcome of a typically careless Leung Kit tackle on Kwok Yau.

Chu Wing-wah took the spot kick and hit the ball straight at goalkeeper Tsui Kwok-hung who stopped, but failed to hold it. The rebound went to Chu Wing-wah who gratefully pushed the ball into the net to equalise and make the interval score one all.

In the 63rd minute Lau Kai-chu raced through the Kitchee defence to put the Busmen ahead but he blotted his copy book immediately afterwards and as a result, Yeung Wai-lo made it two-all.

Kitchee were now calling the tune and it was all against the run of play when in a break-away Lam Kam-long put KMB back in the lead with a good shot which Kwok Chiu-ming should have saved.

For a short time it looked to be all over but the shouting and KMB started playing 'clever' stuff. That was their greatest mistake. Drama was just around the corner.

With six minutes left for play Sze-to Sum and Sze-to Sum swept towards the KMB goal. The Busmen got their traffic signals sadly confused in an ignominious mix-up in the penalty area and Sze-to Sum showed them the way home by steering the ball into the net.

Perfect Climax

KMB were at panic stations. Kitchee on the other hand were rampant and to the encouraging roars of the spectators they crashed into the attack and Kwok Yau provided the perfect climax by cracking the ball into the net for a goal last minute winner.

It was a thrilling finish. Verdict: The result will do local football the world of good even if it knocks the bottom out KMB's ill-founded championship hopes. The Busmen deserved nothing better than they got and they learned their bitter lesson in the hardest possible way. To them no sympathy is due.

Kitchee, who have had a disappointing season, provided a great climax with their two late goals.

Referee Derbyshire had a good game if he would have pleased many if he had put a stern curb on the ruthless tackling of Ng Tim-loy and Leung Kit. The right-back in particular was indignantly crude.

Good entertainment . . . exciting . . . with for once an upset result . . . HOORAY.

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(Signed)

Yesterday's Hockey SLOAN'S TWO GOALS IN LAST 10 MINUTES PUT KCC INTO NEXT ROUND OF HOLLAND CUP

By TONY MYATT

Two snap goals in the last few minutes of play earned KCC 'A' a well deserved 3-2 win over Army 'B' in their Holland Cup encounter at Cox's Path yesterday.

The soldiers must still be wondering what hit them, for well up until the last 10 minutes of play they were leading 2-1.

It would not be fair to say that KCC were the better team, but they were determined and enthusiastic.

One young man who turned the tables in this game, was Andy Sloan, KCC's speedy centre-forward, who oddly enough for the best part of the game, drew a complete blank. However, just before time the Army defence, especially centre-half Kerr, who held him down so successfully for so long, released their grip and Sloan took full advantage of the situation and pushed KCC to victory.

The game commenced at a very fast pace and it never slackened.

Constructive Play

In the first half, KCC concentrated their moves down the two wings while the Army carried out most of their raids down the centre.

Play for the most part was constructive, but there were pitiful errors during the second half when KCC were trying so desperately to equalise that a lot of rather wild hitting came into play.

In the KCC line-up, David Coffey played another fine game at centre-half and received grand backing from right-half Collins and left-half Raza. The former was particularly impressive and broke up many a fine move by the Army forwards.

Billy Silvey on the right wing never stopped trying and was also responsible for scoring KCC's first goal. Buddy Cornell, however, seemed starved on the other wing, but when

ever he got the ball he was always dangerous. Paul Cross at inside-left played his usual aggressive game.

Highest Praise

In the Army line-up, centre-half Kerr, who oddly enough for the best part of the game, drew a complete blank. However, just before time the Army defence, especially centre-half Kerr, who held him down so successfully for so long, released their grip and Sloan took full advantage of the situation and pushed KCC to victory.

Middlebrook pulled off some excellent saves and was in no position to stop the ones that got past him.

Centre-forward Timothy gave opposing pivot Coffey plenty of work but it was inside-right Ward who shone in the forward line, and helped push Army into their 'early lead'. Inside-left Orvis also played a hard game and scored Army's first goal.

The two Army backs Bullard (right) and Carr played a hard game as did their counterparts, Chamberlain and Nory.

First Goal

KCC scored their first goal after about seven minutes of play when Silvey burst away down the left wing, cut into the centre, drew out Middlebrook and scored.

Army equalised from a short corner when Orvis slung in the rebound off Stevens' pack.

Encouraged by this goal, Army stormed the KCC defences and, minutes before the interval, Ward broke through on his own from a free hit, with the KCC defence in hot pursuit and scored.

In the second half, Army held the initiative during the opening minutes but it was nearly all KCC towards the end. But, with time running short, it seemed that their chances of equalising seemed all for the Army defence was just as determined to stop them from scoring.

Towards the end Sloan met with the demands of one supporter who kept shouting "in with it KCC", and from a short corner banged in the rebound. Then minutes before the whistle, Coffey passed to Sloan from a free hit. The latter ran across from the right, drew out the goalie and slotted the ball into the net.

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FULL COURT REJECTS APPEALS AGAINST MURDER CONVICTIONS

The Full Court comprising the Hon. the Chief Justice, Sir Michael Hogan, and Mr Justice J. R. Gregg this morning dismissed an appeal brought by two men convicted of murder.

The two appellants, Kwan Cheung-tai, and Yu Ming-shing, were found guilty by a jury on February 7 of the murder of a woman, Yu Wan, in a robbery at No. 10 Kai Chiu Road, Causeway Bay, on September 15 last. They were sentenced to death by the trial judge, Mr Justice A. D. Scholes.

Fair

In the judgment, Sir Michael said the directions of the trial judge in the case of the first appellant were sufficient to bring home to the minds of the jury with clarity and particularity, the facts, the defence, the issues for the jury's decision and the burden of proof in connection with those issues. It appeared to the Court that the first appellant was fairly and properly tried and his application was dismissed.

Speaking on the appeal by the second appellant, Sir Michael said that it did not appear to the Court that the second appellant had been improperly prejudiced by the joint trial or that anything had occurred as a result of the trial judge's decision not to order a separate trial, which could be regarded as having prevented or hindered the jury from arriving at a true and just verdict as to the guilt or innocence of the appellant.

The Full Court also overruled submission by Counsel for the second appellant that a contention statement by the appellant was inadmissible, and that the Crown Counsel should not, in his opening address, have read passages from an accused's statement.

Proper

"We do not think that Crown Counsel was wrong in referring to the statement as he did or that the trial judge should have acceded to the request for a new trial. In our view, the statement was properly admitted and properly mentioned by Counsel for the Crown," Sir Michael said.

Sir Michael said there was

no substance in any of the grounds for appeal advanced by the Counsel for the second appellant who had been fairly and properly tried.

First appellant was represented by Mr S. V. Gittins instructed by Wilkinson and Grist. Second appellant was represented by Mr V. L. J. D'Alton, instructed by Miss Victoria Woo.

SNATCHER GETS SIX STROKES AND THREE MONTHS

A 36-year-old store keeper, Ling Yat-hang, of 29 Third Street, ground floor, who snatched a paper parcel containing US\$342 and HK\$141 from a woman, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment and six strokes of the cane by Mr Derek Cons at Central Magistracy this morning.

Two Killed In Week-end Road Mishaps

Two people, one of them a woman, were fatally injured in traffic accidents over the week-end. Five others were injured.

Lee Hung-hak, 42, of 4, Sai Yeung Choi Street, third floor, was knocked down by a private car in To Kwa Wan Road, Hungnam.

He died of injuries early this morning. Lal Chun, 74, of 33, Tung Lo Wan Road, third floor, was struck by a lorry in Canal Road East on Saturday. She died before admission to hospital.

The woman victim in the case was Li Yuet-ku, 40, of 493 Hennessy Road, second floor, who lived on the premises from her husband abroad. On Saturday afternoon, she was paying her monthly rent at the Ming Tai Store, also a rent agent.

Ling saw the woman had in her possession a large amount of money in a paper parcel.

Ling followed the woman up the stairs, and snatched the parcel from behind. The woman ran down the stairs and gave chase.

Ling was intercepted by a detective near the New York theatre. In Court this morning, Ling said he had a wife, mother and six children to support. He said it was momentary greediness that caused him to steal the money from the woman. He added that he had tried to borrow money from his friends but was unsuccessful.

Tree Planting Week



Dr. S. N. Chau plants a tree this morning. On the left is Mr Peter Kennedy. — China Mail Photo.

For the third year in succession, Tree Planting Week in Hongkong is being held from today until April 17, and 11,000 school children and villagers throughout the Colony will be participating each day at different centres. This morning, at the opening ceremony held at the Police Training School, Wong Chuk Hang, Dr S. N. Chau addressed a large number of school children. Also attending this function were Mr W. J. Blackie, the Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, and members of the Forestry Department. In his speech Dr Chau emphasized the importance of trees to Hongkong, because of the need to increase and conserve the water supply.

It was no use, he said, building large reservoirs alone; it was essential that the catchment areas of the reservoirs should be well covered with vegetation. After Dr Chau's address, he planted three Eucalyptus trees on the hillside overlooking the Police Training School, and planting of a further thousand trees will continue during the day, with help of the school children.

ACCOUNTANT GETS TWO YEARS GAOL

Charged With Fraudulent Conversion Of \$33,200

A former accountant of the Shell Co. of Hongkong Ltd., Leung Siu-hop, 44, facing 15 counts of fraudulent conversion involving a total of \$33,200, pleaded guilty before Mr T. Creedon at Kowloon Court this morning and was sent to gaol for two years.

Prosecuting, Det. Sub-Inspector Kwong-ye, said Leung had obtained the money from seven men under the pretence of buying land at Ngau Chi Wan, and opening up a petrol station, between April and November last year.

Defendant left Shell on January 15, this year, when the complainants began to telephone him about the petrol station. He then disappeared.

Last month he was arrested by one of the complainants in Castle Peak Road. In mitigation, Mr Terence Shurlock, instructed by Mr P. L. Lam of P. L. Lam and Co., said that his client's wife was very sick, and he had had to borrow money from money lenders for medical care.

He had to repay this at 5 to 10 per cent interest. He was unable to make restitution.

Miss Dibden's "Family" Now Numbers 75

More than 300 people made a special journey to the Shatin Babies' Home for the annual meeting on Saturday.

They were entertained by the children of Miss Mildred Dibden who danced and sang in English and Cantonese; acted "Street Scenes" and performed nursery games. Little handicapped children also joined in the presentation.

She Prayed

In her report for the year, Miss Dibden recounted the history of her work in Ping Shan and Shatin and said that her plan was to receive abandoned babies; to give them a happy Christian home, as a family looking to God for all needs.

She said people had asked her whether there should be a limit to her work and that she had prayed and sought an answer found in the verse of the Scriptures, "The Lord shall increase you and your children." Her work among homeless babies has been going on for 24 years. Now there are 75 in the Old Police Station at Shatin now known as the Shatin Babies' Home.

Miss Dibden paid tribute to the generosity of many who helped and gave financial assistance by which the building fund had increased from \$10,000 to \$40,000, and the donors of the recent gift of \$50,000 from Kowloon Rotary Club.

During the proceedings of the meeting, Dr P. K. Jenkins was in the chair and Dr Vaughan Rees offered the opening prayers. The Rev. David E. Morison gave the message based on the power and wonderful love God bestowed upon those who live in faith believing in Him.

A Tour

The final prayers and the blessing were pronounced by the Very Rev. F. B. Temple, Dean of St John's Cathedral. After the tea provided by Mrs A. Donithorne and Mrs Barton, the visitors saw over the nursery where the tiny infants were sleeping and made a tour of the Home.

CANE FOR ELDER BROTHER: SEQUEL TO TOY BUYING SPREE

Two brothers aged 10 and 12, who stole \$2,200 from a neighbour's suitcase, were placed on a \$100 bond for two years by Mr I. M. S. Donnell at Kowloon Court this morning. The elder lad was ordered to receive three strokes of the cane.

The boys' father, a Government carpenter working at the airport at Yau Ma Tei, agreed to sign the bond and stand surety for their good behaviour. Sometime during March this year, the two brothers broke into an old suitcase in a neighbour's house and stole \$2,200. They went on a spending spree and bought toys and clothes for themselves and their friends.

Told Police

On April 1, their father became suspicious and informed the Police.

Last Monday they were remanded for seven days for a Probation Officer's report. Mrs Priscilla Tse, the Probation Officer, in her report to the Magistrate this morning, said she had found that at home the boys were good. But the father believed they had been mixing with bad characters.

As a carpenter, the father was earning \$225 a month. He had agreed to pay restitution. Summing up, Mr Donnell said that the money (\$200) and toys which had been recovered were to be returned to the complainant.

In addition, the sum of \$600 was to be restored to the complainant by the father. This restitution could be paid at \$100 per month, beginning on April 30.

City Hall Piling Contract

The contract for the piling work for the new City Hall at the Central Reclamation was signed this morning between a Government representative and the Hongkong Engineering and Construction Company.

The contract is worth \$998,000, it was learned. Work will begin sometime in the middle of next month.

100,000 Miles

Sixteen taxi drivers who have completed more than 100,000 miles in their cars without accident were presented with gold pins by Mr Von Funk, director of Messrs Daimler Benz A. G., at a cocktail party this morning at the showroom of Zung Fu Company.

Housebreaking

Intruders broke into No. 345, Tai Hang Road, second floor, Causeway Bay, between 1.30 a.m. and 7.30 a.m. on Saturday and stole cash and a wrist watch to the total value of \$1,008.

MUTED CHORD

Boston, April 12. A piano fell silent last night as Rudolf Serkin was playing the Brahms B-flat minor concerto with the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

Conductor Charles Munch stopped the orchestra. A repairman came on stage and, fidgeting nervously with the piano as the musicians and audience laughed. The concerto resumed within 10 minutes.—U.P.I.

'US - Asia Position Improved'

Manila, April 13. U.S. Under-Secretary of State C. Douglas Dillon today said he had found the U.S. position in Asia much improved to over a year ago. Arriving from New Zealand and Indonesia, to attend a high level conference of U.S. diplomats and military leaders at Baguio City, Dillon said he was optimistic over the U.S.-Asia position.

Dillon said the question of the Tibetan revolt would be discussed. He declined to say what action the US would take if the Tibetan rebels appeal for U.S. assistance.—U.P.I.

No British Bases, Says Tom Mboya

New York, April 13. Mr Tom Mboya, secretary of the Kenya Federation of Labour, said tonight that when his country achieved self-government, he believed it should remain within the Commonwealth, but was opposed to British bases being retained in Kenya.

Interviewed on the television programme "Meet the Press," he said: "At the moment our view is that when we achieve independence we should remain within the Commonwealth. We see no reason at the moment why we should get out of it."—Reuter

This Funny World



"I don't think he thought much of my selection. He gave me two aspirins with my change!"

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From the Files

25 years AGO

MAJOR-GENERAL Borrett, officer commanding troops in Hongkong paid a visit to Canton last week, and the visit resulted in a cordial exchange of courtesies, our correspondent in Canton reports.

The distinguished visitor was shown the fullest possible hospitality by the Chairman of the Provincial Government and the Mayor of Canton.

In return the British Consul-General in Canton, Mr H. Phillips gave a dinner party at the Consulate in Shumee, which many of the leading Chinese and English residents of the city attended.

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The tragic death occurred in Shanghai recently of Mr T. C. Britton, well-known American financier, our correspondent reports.

He was found dead with a bullet wound in the head, at his residence. Enquiries into the case are being conducted. Mr Britton was a Shanghai resident of long standing. Until recently he was President and General Manager of the Asia Realty Company.

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A BREEZE marked the Annual General Meeting of Messrs Gande, Price and Company Limited at the Company's offices yesterday morning, when Mr C. Bond, a former manager of the firm, deprecated the action of the directors in granting a bonus of \$5,000 to the retiring managing director, Mr S. C. Pank.

Mr Bond stated that he had given 23 of the best years of his life to the company, and so far from receiving any bonus, he was "burned into the road" with only three days notice.

Mr J. F. Shea, one of the directors, criticized Mr Bond for bringing such a matter up, saying it was irregular to introduce such a personal matter. But Mr Bond retorted that the shareholders meeting was the right place in which to air the grievance.

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One of the greatest fires ever known in London broke out today in a factory in north-east London, when a block of buildings was destroyed by flames. The glare in the sky was visible all over London.

Fifty-five appliances had utmost difficulty in holding the conflagration in check. An explosion of gas cylinders shook all the houses within a wide radius of the fire, bringing semi-naked, terror-stricken householders rushing from their homes into the crowded streets. Several hundred police officers had difficulty in keeping a large crowd of curious sightseers at a distance.

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A FORECAST, that within five years a modern cinema studio for the production of Chinese cinema "talkies" will be established in Kowloon by the United Photoplay Service Limited, a big film manufacturing and distribution company incorporated in Hongkong, was made by the company's managing director, Mr Lo Ming-yau.

Speaking from experience, Mr Lo said that a better foreign impression of China and Chinese affairs could be achieved through the adequate distribution of Chinese films abroad.

He emphasized the hope that the company would build a modern film studio in Kowloon, where climatic and geographical conditions were most suitable for such a project.

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